

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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Clerk, U.S. District Court
District of Columbia

In re:

VITAMINS ANTITRUST LITIGATION

THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

McSHARES, INC. v.

F. HOFFMAN-LaROCHE, LTD, ET AL.

No. M.D.L. No. 1285

Misc. No. 99-0197-TFH

D. Kansas Civil Action NO. 2:00-2098

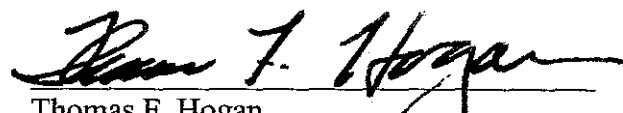
ORDER DISMISSING DEFENDANTS
TAKEDA CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES, LTD., TAKEDA VITAMIN & FOOD USA, INC.
AND TAKEDA U.S.A., INC.

This matter being presented to the Court in connection with the unopposed Motion of Plaintiff McShares, Inc. to Dismiss Defendants Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd., Takeda Vitamin & Food USA, Inc. and Takeda U.S.A., Inc. with prejudice,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the First Amended Complaint in this action is dismissed with prejudice solely against Takeda Chemical Industries, Ltd., Takeda Vitamin & Food USA, Inc. and Takeda U.S.A., Inc. This Order is without prejudice to McShares, Inc.'s claims against any other Defendant or alleged co-conspirator in the above-captioned case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 31, 2002.


Thomas F. Hogan
United States District Judge

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